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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 0.4% IN MAY

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 22 — Airline passenger traffic rose 0.4 percent in May, compared to the same month last year, and was up 2.6 percent for the past five months of 1988, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic passenger traffic declined 3.2 percent in May. Available seat miles rose 0.6 percent. Passenger load factor was 61.5 percent, down from 63.9 percent for May, 1987.

For the first five months of 1988, domestic traffic declined 1.1 percent, available seat miles rose 2.1 percent, and the load factor was 60.0 percent compared to 62.0 percent for the same period last year.

In international service, traffic was up 15.8 percent in May. Available seat miles rose 13.4 percent and the passenger load factor was 65.3 percent, up from 63.9 percent in May, 1987.

For the first five months, international traffic gained 20.9 percent, available seat miles increased 16.0 percent, and the load factor was 63.5 percent compared to 60.9 percent last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

MAY 1988 - 1987

	YEAR	MAY			YEAR TO DATE		
		RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	88	26,869,993	43,379,493	61.9	128,961,046	214,443,567	60.1
-----	87	27,550,500	43,114,552	63.9	130,225,724	210,016,494	62.0
PERCENT CHANGE		(2.5)	0.6		(1.0)	2.1	
INTERNATIONAL	88	7,496,487	11,420,887	65.6	32,364,131	50,911,861	63.6
-----	87	6,495,599	10,162,670	63.9	26,785,246	43,959,119	60.9
PERCENT CHANGE		15.4	12.4		20.8	15.8	
TOTAL	88	34,366,480	54,800,380	62.7	161,325,177	265,355,428	60.8
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PERCENT CHANGE		0.9	2.9		2.7	4.5	

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